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This is in response to the Office Action of August 15, 2000, wherein the claims were subjected to a requirement for restriction.

REMARKS

Restriction has been required to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a process of producing a concentrate;
- II. Claims 9-12, drawn to a composition;
- III. Claims 13-19, drawn to a process for producing a concentrate;
- IV. Claims 20-29, drawn to a process for producing a concentrate;
- V. Claims 30-60, drawn to a method of using a composition to disinfect.

Applicants respectfully traverse this requirement. As pointed out in MPEP 803, second paragraph:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without **serious burden**, the examiner **must** examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

[Emphasis added]